

1112. (amended) A method for limiting transmit power of a radio  
2 operating in a cellular environment, the cellular environment comprising  
a plurality of cells that transmit power control commands to the radio, the  
4 radio comprising a variable gain amplifier and a power limiting  
accumulator, the method comprising the steps of:  
6 receiving a signal from at least one of the plurality of cells;  
determining a power [value] level of the received signal;  
8 determining a closed loop power control value in response to the  
received signal;  
10 generating a limiting gain control setting in response to the closed  
loop power control value and the power [value] level, the limiting gain  
C 12 control <sup>setting</sup> ~~signal~~ being within a predetermined range;  
combining the closed loop power control value, [and] the power  
14 [value] level, and the limiting gain control setting to generate a gain  
C control <sup>signal</sup> ~~setting~~; and  
16 adjusting the variable gain amplifier in response to the gain control  
C <sup>signal</sup> ~~setting~~.